Prices of single ingredient medicines

58. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3495 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) names of the drugs based on which finish medicines were exempted from excise duty and have now attracted excise duty at 10.5 per cent to 15.75 per cent.; and

(b) what was the price of each single ingredient medicines as well as in combination before the announcement of DPCO, 1987; after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 as well as after the announcement of Finance Budget along with percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) All single ingredient formulations of Category II drugs will attract excise duty of 10.5 per cent. All combination of category II and price de-controlled drugs will have 15.75 per cent excise duty. All Category I drug and other 26 specified drugs in the enclosed statement (*See* below) will attract NIL excise duty.

(b) The number of formulations based on single ingredient medicine and in combinations, as well as the number of companies marketing them are quite large. The details required in the question are therefore quite voluminous and are not readily available, the time and effort required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

Statement

1. Dexamethasone
2. Dipuridamol
3. Hydralazine
4. Isosorbide
5. Methyldopa
6. Nifedepine
7. Nikethamide
8. Propranolol
9. Reserpine
10. Verapanil
11. Chlorprepamide
12. Glipizide
13. Glybenclamide
14. Insulin
15. Phenformin
16. Tolbutamide
17. Ethienamide
18. Cycloserine
19. Morphazinemide
20. Prothionamide
21. Pyrazinamide
22. Primaquin
23. Totequine and Cinchona febrifuge
24. Mepacrine
25. Vinblestin
26. Vincrastin

Price of Penicillin

59. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3497 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL, IDPL and Haffkine Institute are enjoying high prices of Streptomycin, Penicillin and Tetanus Antitoxin;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the utilization capacities of these drugs are very poor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry in order to help IDPL and HAL at the cost of poor consumers and other manufacturers have formulated a policy of compulsory lifting of Penicillin at a much higher price of CIF price of Penicillin;

(d) what is the price fixed for Penicillin of HAL and IDPL and what is the current CIF price; and

(e) names of the companies who placed orders with HAL and IDPL